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GET READY FOR THE FOOD DRIVE!



the center for
family resources

Thanks for Giving



The Center for Family Resources (CFR) has been providing holiday grocery boxes to Cobb families in need for the past 32 years. At last year's Thanks For Giving event, we distributed a holiday dinner's worth of food supplies to 770 local families, ensuring that they could have a home-cooked meal with their loved ones. We pack a little extra in those boxes, too; we know that during the holiday break, many students relying on school lunch routinely go without meals, and a little peanut butter can go a long way in those times.

The need is no less this year, and we need your help to make full, filling boxes to meet our ultimate goal of feeding up to 1,000 families this November!

The support of the City of Marietta and Cobb County public and private schools has always been integral to the success of our food distribution. The CFR would like to thank all of our past school participants, and recognize those who brought the MOST food to the table last year. (See 2017 winners at left.)

We hope your PTSA and service organizations will keep Thanks for Giving in mind during planning this summer. More in-depth information will follow in August.

**SAVE THE
DATE:**

- Registration for families: **Oct 23 & 24, 2018**
- Pick-up/drop-off dates: **Nov 14 & 15, 2018**
- Distribution dates: **Nov 16 & 17, 2018**

Registration location: Cobb County Civic Center

Drop-off & distribution location: IAM Local Lodge #709



**OVERALL/ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL WINNER**

FORD ELEMENTARY

**MIDDLE SCHOOL
WINNER**

CAMPBELL MIDDLE

HIGH SCHOOL WINNER

HARRISON HIGH

HONORABLE MENTION

ADDISON ELEMENTARY



SAMPLE THANKS FOR GIVING TIMELINE



Start planning

Will your food drive have a theme? Can you encourage a competition between classes or grade levels?



On your mark

Try coordinating your drive with Halloween, and be sure to advertise! Send out email and PTSA blasts, and encourage student participation with morning announcements and other appropriate activities.



Food pickup

CFR will have a team of volunteers going to each participating school to pick up their donated items. All you have to do is collect!



Thanksgiving Day

You and your students can feel good knowing families across Cobb County – maybe even their own classmates – are having a home-cooked Thanksgiving meal.



Set your goals

Decide reasonable collection goals and determine appropriate incentives for giving. CFR will begin distributing supplies, including flyers and posters, to all participating schools.



Collection time

Two weeks is a great length of time for a successful food drive: long enough to meet your gathering goals, and short enough to keep everyone's attention.



Distribution days

Your collected items will be boxed and distributed to up to 1,000 Cobb County families in need. This is also a great opportunity for students needing volunteer hours (ages 14+ only, please).



See you next year!